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March 16, 2007

Margo Reid Brown, Chair  
California Integrated Waste Management Board  
1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4025  
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Dear Madam Chair Brown:

As the author of AB 2449 (Statutes 2006, Chapter 845), concerning plastic retail bag recycling, I am writing to ask that the Integrated Waste Management Board give special attention to the need for accountability in implementing the record-keeping requirements of the law.

The Legislature expressly intended that AB 2449 would both reduce the number of single-use plastic carryout bags and increase the use of reusable bags in the retail marketplace. Public Resources Code section 42252(d) provides that retailers subject to the law's requirements shall keep records on the collection, transport and recycling of bags returned to their stores by consumers and that these records be made available to the Board and local jurisdictions on request.

In order for the Legislature to evaluate the success of this effort over time, records must be consistent across the state and they must provide a standard of measurement by which the State can determine the law's effects. Two key components of such a measurement would seem to be the recycling rate of plastic carryout bags and the number of single-use plastic carryout bags distributed by stores covered under the law.

I believe that the Board is in a position to provide guidance, through regulation if necessary, on the record-keeping requirements. The Board's leadership in the implementation of AB 2449, with emphasis on creating a system to measure the return rate of plastic carryout bags by consumers, will help the Legislature to determine the adequacy of this new law in addressing our concern about plastic bags.

I thank you and the Board for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my legislative aide Graciela Castillo, at 916-319-2040 if you have any questions regarding the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lloyd Levine", written over a horizontal line.

Lloyd Levine  
Assembly Member, 40th District

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